

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1 of the specification, please replace the second paragraph inserted by Preliminary Amendment filed September 24, 2004, with the following amended paragraph:

Reference is also made to commonly assigned Application No. [[_____]] 10/509,071 (Attorney Docket No. ~~022702-105~~ 0070681-000015), which is the U.S. national stage of International Appln. No. PCT/FR03/00889, filed March 20, 2003, and which is concurrently filed herewith.